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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, GW, US

SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO FRG  
PRESIDENT SCHEEL

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
TO FRG PRESIDENT SCHEEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT - DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM SADDENED INDEED TO  
LEARN OF THE DEATH OF YOUR PREDECESSOR, FORMER PRESIDENT  
GUSTAV HEINEMANN. HE IS WELL REMEMBERED BY HIS MANY FRIENDS  
IN THIS COUNTRY FOR HIS INTEGRITY, HIS INNATE DEMOCRATIC  
INSTINCTS AND HIS COURAGE. THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE AND  
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AMERICA BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM PRESIDENT HEINEMANN'S

UNTIRING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE POST-WAR RECONCILIATION, AND WE  
ALL DEEPLY ADMIRE HIS ACTIVE CONCERN FOR THE UNDER-  
PRIVILEGED. ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERN-  
MENT, I SEND TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES  
ON THE LOSS OF THIS HIGHLY RESPECTED GERMAN STATESMAN.  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE IN FRG. KISSINGER

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